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To: District Applications
Subject: Application for Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission
Attachments: FINAL ENGLISH FILLABLE Commission Application FORM.pdf

Please accept the attached application. Please confirm receipt of this application with a reply. Thanks,
Stefan D. Haag
6302 Mesa Grande Dr.
Austin, TX 78749-4027

APPLICATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Please submit your completed application
by email to district.applications@austintexas.gov
by mail or in person to:
Office of the City Auditor
301 W. 2nd Street Suite 2130
Austin, TX 78701

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*Application Period:
January 18, 2013
through
February 22, 2013*

**FOR ASSISTANCE WITH INTERPRETING KEY TERMS, SEE THE GLOSSARY
AT THE END OF THIS APPLICATION**

**MORE DETAILS ABOUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS CAN BE FOUND IN
THE CITY AUDITOR'S INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AND THE CITY CHARTER
AT WWW.AUSTINTEXAS.GOV/10-ONE**

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or provide a signed application to the Office of the City Auditor in person or by mail at:

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Austin, TX 78701

Submission Deadline: February 22, 2013

DUTIES AND TERMS OF SERVICE

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission **duties** include:

1. Conduct duties with integrity and fairness.
2. Conduct an open and transparent process to enable full public consideration of and comment on the drawing of district lines to include an open hearing process.
3. Draw district lines in accordance with specific redistricting criteria in the Charter.
4. Adopt a final redistricting plan and certify the plan to the Austin City Council.
5. Issue a report that explains the basis on which the Commission made its decisions.

Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Member **terms of service** include:

1. Members of the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission) will not be compensated for serving, but are eligible to receive reimbursement of reasonable and necessary expenses related to Commission duties. Guidance on what is considered "reasonable and necessary" will be provided by the appropriate authority at a later date.
2. Serve a term of office that expires when the first member of the succeeding Commission is appointed in the year after the next national census is taken.
3. Members of the Commission will be subject to the following restrictions on their future activities:
 - For a period of **10** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **will not** be eligible to be elected to the Austin City Council.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not** hold appointed office for the City of Austin.
 - For a period of **three** years beginning from the date that a person is appointed to the Commission, the person **may not**:
 - Serve as a City employee or as a paid consultant to the City of Austin.
 - Serve as a paid consultant to a member of the City Council in the council member's private capacity; or
 - Receive a non-competitively bid contract with the City of Austin.

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Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Haag Stefan David
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1139654460

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

6302 Mesa Grande Dr. Austin TX 78749
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-288-3479

Contact Email Address: shaag@austin.rr.com

Spouse's Name: Haag Patricia Lillian
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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Conflicts of Interest

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
In the last City Election did you or your spouse:	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Personal Background Information

- Ethnicity: Anglo-Irish-German
- Race: Caucasian
- Gender: ☒ Male ☐ Female
- Age: (Please check your response)
☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 55 to 64 ☒ 65+
- Education level: (Please check any that apply)
☒ High School Diploma or GED
☐ Some College (major _____)
☐ Associate's Degree (major _____)
☒ Bachelor's Degree (major Sociology)
☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject M.A., Political Science)

Qualifications

Please describe your relevant analytical skills.

As a professor in government at Austin Community College (ACC), I was frequently required to evaluate papers and other writing by students and colleagues. I also authored a textbook for the Texas government course that is a requirement for public university and college students, which required analyzing articles, documents, and other publications. The textbook was published by Pearson Education and is still being adopted by colleges and universities in Texas.

I am also familiar with various statistical packages and the basic manipulation of data containing demographic information. I have used SPSS and the various descriptive statistics incorporated in Microsoft Excel for research in writing the textbook and other publications.

As a political scientist, I am familiar with the scholarly literature on electoral politics, districting, apportionment, municipal governments, and court cases dealing with districting and redistricting.

Please describe your ability to be impartial.

I am accustomed, as a professor, to listening to, and treating fairly, different opinions and positions on political issues. I am not an ideologue, realizing that there are many different methods by which a goal may be reached. My approach to any issue is to evaluate the alternatives objectively, seeking the best solution while taking into consideration the relevant legal considerations. For example, in drawing district boundaries, there are court-established requirements to create districts that are compact, contiguous, and unite communities of interest. There also requirements established by the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, that must be accommodated. However, there are many ways to draw district boundaries that meet those statutory and court-established requirements, and I believe that the best decision-making process involves considering the views of people who are affected by the decision, weighing their competing opinions fairly and rationally, and then deciding what is in the best interest of the greatest number of people.

Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.

I have lived in the Austin area since 1979 and in the city of Austin since 2001. Teaching at four ACC campuses—Rio Grande, Ridgeview, Riverside, and Pinnacle—I have taught Hispanic, African American, and Asian American students. I have found working with students of different ethnicities a rewarding and gratifying experience.

As Hispanics and Asian Americans have increased as a percentage of Austin's population in the last two decades, the percentage of African Americans in Austin's population has decreased. However, they continue to constitute an important component of Austin's majority-minority population. The decrease in the Anglo percentage of the population from 62 percent in 1990 to 49 percent in 2010 means that minorities will play an increasingly important role in the future of Austin—economically, culturally, and politically.

In writing a report on city council elections in Austin for ACC's Center for Politics and Public Policy, I had an opportunity to visit with Austin's demographer, Ryan Robinson, who gave a greater appreciation of Austin's diversity. That diversity should be reflected in the ten council districts that are created by The Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. I vigorously support the creation of districts that enable every constituency to be represented fairly on Austin's city council.

Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.

Before moving to Austin, I was an instructor of sociology and political science at Kaskaskia College in Centralia, Illinois. I was also elected to Centralia's school board, which made policy for the elementary and secondary schools in the city. During my service on the board, I was involved in bringing together the members of the board to agree on a plan to desegregate the city's schools.

While teaching at ACC (I retired in 2007), I served on numerous committees, both college-wide and within my discipline. My colleagues viewed me as someone who listened to them and worked diligently and collaboratively to accomplish the committee's goals, whether as a leader or a member.

In 2009, I authored a study on voter turnout in Austin city council elections, which is available on the Web: <http://www.austincc.edu/cppps/pdfs/voteturnoutincityelections09.pdf> The study considered several institutional reforms to increase voter turnout in Austin's council elections.

I believe that single-member districts are vital to increasing representation in Austin. I also believe that those districts must be created through a process that is fair, open, and transparent. If I'm appointed to the commission, I am committed to ensuring that the process meets those standards.

Additional Publications:

Haag, Stefan D. "Texas." Pp. 309-322 in Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions. Donald P. Haider-Markel, Gen. Ed. Vol. 2. CQ Press, 2008.

Haag, Stefan D. Annotated 1876 Texas Constitution. New York: Pearson Education, 2006.

DISCLAIMER

By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.

If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.

I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.

I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.

I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.

Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.

Stefan David Haag

Signature of Applicant

1/22/2013

Date

If submitting electronically, please type your full name in the signature box.

GLOSSARY

- “Bundle” means to raise money as an intermediary for a council candidate by soliciting contributions on the candidate’s behalf.
- “Campaign committee” in regard to an “officer, employee or paid consultant of a campaign committee” means a candidate or a specific purpose political committee supporting or opposing a candidate.
- “Candidate” for elective office means a person whose name appeared on a ballot, or who was a declared write-in candidate, in a general or primary election. It does not mean a person who merely announced a candidacy or only filed campaign finance filings. This definition attempts to construe the term against ineligibility, avoid ambiguity and disputes of fact, and use the term in the way most commonly understood by a lay person.
- “City” means Austin.
- “City elective office” means the office of mayor and city council member.
- “City employee” means an employee on the City payroll, including a temporary or part-time employee. The term does not include an independent contractor. This definition follows the definition in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code.
- “City office,” with respect to appointment, means a municipal court judgeship (including a substitute judgeship), and membership on a commission, committee, board, task force, or other City body appointed by the mayor or the city council. This definition follows the definition of “city official” in Section 2-7-2 of the City Code, excluding those City officials who are covered separately as City employees.
- “Community college or university in the City of Austin” means a degree-granting post-secondary educational institution, accredited by a recognized accrediting agency under the Education Code, that grants one or more of the following: an associate’s degree, a bachelor’s degree, a master’s degree, or a doctorate, and that regularly conducts classes where the instructor and two or more students are physically present in a physical location within Austin’s city limits.
- “Contribution,” for purposes of calculating aggregate contributions to candidates for City elective office, includes all contributions to candidates for mayor and city council, and contributions to specific purpose political committees supporting or opposing those candidates.
- “County” refers to a county in which the City of Austin has territory.
- “County elective office” means an office that is voted on county-wide or an office that is voted on by the voters of a precinct drawn by a commissioners court.
- “Employee” with respect to a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid a salary by the political party or campaign committee.
- “Local lobbyist” means a person required to register under Chapter 4-8 of the City Code.
- “Non-competitively bid contract” means a contract which must be awarded as provided in Section 252.043 of the Local Government Code (“lowest responsible bidder” or “best value for the municipality”).

- “Officer” with respect to the “campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county or city office” means:
 - the campaign treasurer of a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office;
 - the campaign treasurer of a specific purpose political committee that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office; or
 - an officer or director of an incorporated specific purpose political committee, incorporated for liability purposes only under Section 253.092 of the Texas Election Code, that supported or opposed a candidate for an elective state, county, or city office.
- “Officer” with respect to a political party means a precinct chair, a county chair, or a member of a party executive committee under Title 10 of the Texas Election Code.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to work done for a political party or campaign committee means a person who was paid monetary consideration for providing legal services, accounting services, public relations services, statistical or polling services, or political or campaign-related services or advice.
- “Paid Consultant” with respect to the three year ban on paid consultancy with a council member, means having a “political or professional contract” with a council member as defined in this guidance.
- “Political or professional contract,” in the context of a contract with a council member, means a contract with a council member under which, in return for consideration, a person provided expert advice or personal services related to a council member's duties or to the council member's service as a council member, or provided advice about the conduct of campaign activities or holding office, or provided services to a council member that would be reportable on the council member's required campaign and officeholder filings under Title 15 of the Texas Election Code; Article III, §8 of the Austin City Charter; or Chapter 2-2 of the Austin City Code. This does not include a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “Political party” means a political party that appeared on the ballot in any of the last three general elections for state and county officers.
- “Professional contract,” in the context of a contract with the City means a non-competitively bid contract other than a contract solely for the sale of goods.
- “State” means Texas.
- “State office” means an office held by a “state officer” as defined in Section 572.002 of the Government Code.
 - In the context of an appointment to a state office, “state office” means: the office of Secretary of State, an office of a state agency subject to appointment for a term of office specified by the Texas Constitution or a statute of this state; an office subject to appointment with the advice and consent of the senate; the position of executive head of a state agency; or a state office subject to election but filled by appointment because of a vacancy or because the office is newly created.
 - In the context of candidacy or election to a state office, “state office” means a seat in the legislature, an executive or judicial office filled in a statewide election; a judgeship of a court of appeals or of a district court; membership on the State Board of Education; or the position of district attorney or criminal district attorney.
- “Student” means a person actively enrolled in a community college or university on the date of the person’s application to the Commission.

